

RE: Spencer Russell

Given below is a portion of Cy Grosvenor's letter to SRP of 09-18-1986:

In reading the information printed on the calendar I read this in the May 4th space: Ernest Spencer Russell, 1900-1961. I knew "Spence" well. I remember well winter mornings when the going was bad and Spencer helped his father, George Russell, peddle the milk route. George would stop the sleigh on Canaan St. and Spencer would fill two carriers and cut through Canaan St. yards to Dickson Ave. My parents were longtime Russell customers. Years later I met Spencer in the Carwanna Lunch and he offered me a job in his ice cream operation. It was the last time I saw him. By the way: When did Carwanna become "Carawanna?" I remember well when the contest was held to furnish a name for the new eating place and Carwanna was selected as the winning name.

I was in Carbondale the 6th and 7th. The visit was made to enable me to attend the 60th anniversary reunion of my high school class. There wasn't a big turnout. There are about 50 class members (out of 157) still living, but distance and physical condition prevented many of these from attending. There were few dry eyes when Alys Kerins Morrison read the names of those who have left this earth for the Great Beyond. That's one of the penalties of growing older.

My best wishes to you and to all the historical society members.

Sincerely yours,

*Cy Grosvenor*